# IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. national phase of international application PCT/EP2005/001787 filed February 21, 2005 which designated the U.S. and claims benefit of DE 10 2004 018 571.9, filed April 16, 2004, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please insert the following new heading at page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph of the specification:

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following new heading at page 1, line 6 (before the second paragraph):

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following new heading at page 1, line 17 (before the fourth paragraph of the specification):

#### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 17 with the following amended paragraph.

The object An object of the invention is to make further improvements to the catalytic exhaust gas purification in an apparatus or a method for the production of cement clinker.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, (and following the above paragraph) which starts with "This object is achieved..."

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, which starts with "Further embodiments of the invention..."

Please insert the following new heading at page 2, line 30, before the last line of this page:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following new heading at page 3, line 8, before the fourth paragraph:

DESCRIPTION OR THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Pages 4-5, please replace the paragraph at the bottom of page 4,line 29, and continuing to page 5, line 2, with the following amended paragraph.

In many cases the calciner has only one combustion point on the calciner 42 calciner 4. However, it is particularly advantageous if in combination with this calciner combustion point a kiln inlet burner 41 and/or further means 42 and/or 43 are provided for the staged addition of fuel. In this way a staged combustion in the calciner is possible. Thus for example a reducing atmosphere which contributes to the NO<sub>x</sub>

reduction can be created in the lower region of the calciner.

Please replace the paragraph at Page 6, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The combination of the catalytic converter with a calciner 4 results in particular in the following advantages: